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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Wen Tai Lin
Masahito YAMAMOTO)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2154
Appln. No.: 09/363,025)	
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Filed: July 29, 1999)	
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For: APPLICATION OF MOBILE AGENT IN)	January 24, 2006
A WORKFLOW ENVIRONMENT HAVING A	:	
PLURALITY OF IMAGE PROCESSING)	
AND/OR IMAGE FORMING APPARATUSES	:	
(As Amended))	

Mail Stop Issue Fee

Commissioner for Patents
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated January 3, 2006, in the above-referenced application. The Issue Fee is due on or before April 3, 2006, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Reasons for Allowance set forth in the January 21, 2005 Notice of Allowability on the grounds that:

- (a) while the Reasons refer to “is connected to an external image processing/forming apparatus via a network and situated in a workflow environment”, the claims instead recite (i) --can be connected to an external

apparatus via a network-- (Claims 101, 112, 121, and 123); (ii) --can be connected to a network-- (Claims 104, 115, 122, 124, 125, 129, and 133); (iii) --network system including an image processing apparatus and an external apparatus-- (Claim 110); and (iv) --image processing apparatuses which can be connected to a network-- (Claim 111);

- (b) while the Reasons refer to “apparatus equipped with capability of receiving, transmitting and executing a command train presented as a moving agent information through workflow programming”, the claims instead refer to --receiving-- or --inputting-- of --agent information including a command train in which a workflow is programmed--, and several of the claims do not require that the “apparatus” is so equipped (e.g., Claims 110, 112, 115, 121, 122, 123, 124, 129, and 133); and
- (c) while the Reasons refer to “workflow is programmed”, the claims instead refer to --workflow can be programmed--,

with all such references also being applicable to the dependent claims.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C., office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel S. Glueck", written over a horizontal line.

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